

## MISSIONARIES THINK THAT THEY ARE SAFE IN COREA

Are Not Pronounced Partisans But Believe That Japan Is More Friendly Toward Them Than Russia.

New York, March 1.—A letter dated Seoul, Jan. 22, has been received by the Methodist Missionary Society from the Rev. George M. Burdick, one of its missionaries in Corea. It is the first written reply that has been received by the society in response to its cable dispatch of Jan. 21, in which caution was advised American missionaries.

The letter said that at no time had the missionaries there been in apparent danger. Early in the fall a Korean boy fell under a moving electric car on an American trolley road, and was killed, and this accident greatly excited the Koreans. A mob formed and damaged a Japanese house whither a Japanese who had helped on of the electric company's men to escape had fled for safety, but the excitement died down quickly and everything went on as before.

Mr. Burdick says also that some misunderstanding was caused by the increase of the guards at the legations, and a fiery article appeared in a Korean paper, denouncing foreigners. The American minister advised that Americans should not go on the streets unattended. Mr. Burdick also said:

"Our missionaries who have country work have done very little for the last six weeks. There has been so much

uncertainty that it has seemed best not to run any risks. But Brother Swearer started into the country today for a ten day's trip in holding the fourth quarterly conferences, with the knowledge and consent of the United States minister. We are confident of safety."

A cablegram came from Bishop Moore in Seoul on Saturday, containing references to official business only. No mention was made of the war situation, so little fear is felt here for the Methodist missionaries. All of them, with the women and children, are attending the annual meeting of the Korean mission in Seoul, and will probably remain there for the present.

Letters received by the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Presbyterian board, contained practically no reference to the impending war.

A missionary official said: "We take no news to be good news. We regard it as unlikely that anything will happen to the missionaries. I cannot express any feeling as to which side missionaries and those interested in missions hope will win. I will say, however, that Japan is particularly friendly to Christian missions. We cannot judge of the attitude Russia will take."

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St. Louis, March 1.—Two members of the Montana World's fair commission, ex-Governor E. F. White and Paul McCormick, secretary of the commission, have arrived to inspect their state pavilion, which is about 75 per cent finished.

The dowager empress of China recently placed an order for fifty motor cars to be "made in Germany."

The process of giving somebody else a "piece of one's mind," usually destroys the peace of one's own mind.

Some western churches have mustered in "beautiful young girl ushers." They pass the contribution box with astonishing success.

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To be a good lady means to be a good many things. It means modesty, gentleness, self control and thoughtfulness for other's welfare.

Try to realize that it is better to be ladylike than to be "stylish" when to be the latter means that you must wear a ridiculous hat and impossible shoes.

What a difference there is in women about doing housework! Some go about it so quietly and make every move count. Others—well, they don't. That's the difference.

Call it scornfully the "grandmother skirt" if you will, but the full skirt is the swagger one of the hour.

Mrs. Wong Kai-kak, wife of the Imperial vice-commissioner from China to the Louisiana Purchase exposition, has the written history of her children's ancestry for 2,800 years.

There's many a splendid woman who would still be silly, frivolous, unthinking girl were it not for the trials through which she has passed.

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#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. J. J. Bumer, representing the eastern banks involved in the failure of the E. R. Dumont Publishing Company, is in the city to dispose of the assets. The stock consists of encyclopedias, histories, works on literature, Shakes-

peare, Voltaire and other standard publications. These works are sold for cash at a mere fraction of the publishers' price. Call at or telephone your address to the Occident hotel.

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